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## DEPTHS FOR LAYING WATER PIPELINES IN USSR

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According to certain sources (Handbook on Water Supply Lines and Sewerage [Spravochnik po vodoprovodu i kanalizatsii], by V. F. Kozhinov and A. M. Konyushkov, Stroyizdat, 1947; and Water Supply [Vodosnabzheniye], by N. N. Geniyev, N. N. Abramov, and V. M. Pavlov, Stroyizdat, 1950) the following depths, in meters, are recommended for laying pipe in the USSR:

Southern regions West and southwest Central	1.30 - 1.70 2.0 - 2.20
Northwest North and east	2.20 - 2.70 2.40 - 2.90 2.60 - 3.10

However, these data disagree with the map of isotherms, which shows much smaller freezing depths and which is used to deter ine depths for laying the foundations of all types of structures. Operation of water pipelines in the south and central Ukraine has shown that water pipelines laid to a depth (to top of pipe) of 0.80, 1.10, and 1.20 m have been working normally for 20 years and more. At a plant [not identified] in Dneprodzerdzhinsk, a cast-iron water pipeline 600 mm in diameter has been laid at a depth of 0.60 m. At a plant [not identified] in the Donbass, a water pipeline has been laid at a depth of 1.20 m. Long-term observation of a series of water pipelines in use has confirmed that there is no basis for use of the pipe-laying depths recommended by the abovementioned handbooks, and that the laying of water pipelines at such depths results in nonproductive expenditures.

Therefore, in order to reduce labor and the cost of laying water pipelines at a group of plants in the Donbass, the Yuzhspetsstroy Trust shortened (by cutting and welding) the fire hydrants which had been delivered. The Moscow-type hydrants No 1 and 2 which are used in the south and central Ukraine were shortened: No 1 by 650 mm, and No 2 by 890 mm, reducing hydrant weight by 40-60 kg.

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